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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PM MANLEY TO CANAL SIGNING IN
PANAMA AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S NATO SPEECH

1. PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY HAS RECEIVED A FORMAL INVITATION TO ATTEND THE SIGNING OF THE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION BETWEEN THAT COUNTRY AND THE UNITED STATES TO BE HELD IN PANAMA JUNE 16. ACCORDING TO THE STORY IN THE DAILY GLEANER OF 30 MAY (REPEATED IN THE DAILY NEWS OF 31 MAY), THE PRIME MINISTER COMMENTED AS FOLLOWS:" THE SIGNING OF THE CANAL TREATY WAS OF GREAT HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE HEMISPHERE AND WAS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE THIRD WORLD WHO SHARED A COMMON CONVICTION THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN RESOURCES. JAMAICA WELCOMES THE INVITATION IN VIEW OF THE DEEP HISTORIC TIES WITH PANAMA, AND VERY MUCH WISHES TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE OCCASION." END QUOTE.

2. THE DAILY GLEANER ON 31 MAY FEATURED ON ITS OP-ED PAGE THE ICA RELEASE OF ARF 9, MAY 30 UNDER THE HEADLINE
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"RUSSIA IS A THREAT" QUOTING PRESIDENT CARTER AS CALLING UPON THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE TO BOLSTER ITS MILITARY FORCES TO COUNTER THE FUTURE MILITARY THREAT POSED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS WARSAW PACT ALLIES.
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